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| Overview | This standard identifies the requirements when promoting housing opportunities for individuals in health and social care settings. This includes raising awareness of the housing needs of individuals and negotiating and agreeing housing provision with and for them. |

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| **Performance criteria**You must be able to:*You must be able to:**You must be able to:* | **Raise awareness of the housing needs of individuals**1. identify people and organisations who may have an interest in offering housing for individuals
2. communicate with people and organisations to establish their interest in the value of housing for individuals
3. present information to people and organisations about the benefits that appropriate housing can bring to individuals
4. present information to people and organisations regarding the impact of discrimination, oppression and social exclusion on individuals
5. encourage people and organisations to understand appropriate ways of offering housing to individuals
6. give people the opportunity to ask questions to confirm their understanding of the information provided
7. seek further support and advice in areas that are outside your expertise
8. refer people and organisations who need information and advice that is outside your expertise to other appropriate sources
9. challenge constructively any attitudes and behaviour which are ill informed, misguided, abusive or discriminatory
10. encourage people and organisations to become champions to raise awareness about the provision of housing for individuals

**Negotiate housing for individuals**1. encourage people and organisations to consider their capacity to offer housing to individuals
2. encourage people and organisations to consider any reasonable adjustments that they could make to enable them to offer housing to individuals
3. evaluate the potential provision of people and organisations who are able to offer housing to individuals
4. identify people and organisations who are suitable and able to provide housing
5. examine with people and organisations who are suitable and able to provide housing the potential challenges and rewards
6. examine with people and organisations any resources which will be required to provide housing for individuals
7. explain your own role and responsibilities to people and organisations who can provide housing to individuals

Agree housing for individuals 1. establish what specific opportunities can be offered by people and organisations who have agreed to offer housing
2. discuss with the people and organisations any reasonable restrictions that may be imposed on those to whom the housing would be made available
3. identify with the people and organisations any reasonable adjustments they will need to make beyond those that are legally required
4. examine with the people and organisations how the reasonable adjustments will be resourced
5. examine with the people and organisations any issues which may affect agreements for housing
6. confirm agreements in writing
7. take appropriate actions to enable the housing to be accessed
8. report processes and outcomes in accordance with legal and work setting requirements
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| Knowledge and understandingYou need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand:You need to know and understand: | **Rights**1. legal and work setting requirements on equality, diversity, discrimination and rights
2. your role in promoting individuals’ rights, choices, wellbeing and active participation
3. your duty to report any acts or omissions that could infringe the rights of individuals
4. how to deal with and challenge discrimination
5. the rights that individuals have to make complaints and be supported to do so
6. conflicts and dilemmas that may arise in relation to rights and how to address them

**Your practice**1. legislation, statutory codes, standards, frameworks and guidance relevant to your work, your work setting and the content of this standard
2. your own background, experiences and beliefs that may have an impact on your practice
3. your own roles, responsibilities and accountabilities with their limits and boundaries
4. the roles, responsibilities and accountabilities of others with whom you work
5. how to access and work to procedures and agreed ways of working
6. the meaning of person-centred/child centred working and the importance of knowing and respecting each person as an individual
7. the prime importance of the interests and well-being of the individual
8. the individual’s cultural and language context
9. how to build trust and rapport in a relationship
10. how your power and influence as a worker can impact on relationships
11. how to work in ways that promote active participation and maintain individuals’ dignity, respect, personal beliefs and preferences
12. how to work in partnership with individuals, key people and others
13. how to manage ethical conflicts and dilemmas in your work
14. how to challenge poor practice
15. how and when to seek support in situations beyond your experience and expertise

**Theory**1. the nature and impact of **factors that may affect the health, wellbeing and development of individuals** you care for or support
2. theories underpinning our understanding of human development and factors that affect it

**Personal and professional development**1. principles of reflective practice and why it is important
2. your role in developing the professional knowledge and practice of others
3. how to promote evidence based practice

**Communication**1. factors that can affect communication and language skills and their development in children, young people adults
2. methods to promote effective communication and enable individuals to communicate their needs, views and preferences

**Health and Safety**1. legal and statutory requirements for health and safety
2. your work setting policies and practices for monitoring and maintaining health, safety and security in the work environment
3. practices for the prevention and control of infection in the context of this standard

**Safe-guarding**1. legislation and national policy relating to the safe-guarding and protection of children, young people and adults
2. the responsibility that everyone has to raise concerns about possible harm or abuse, poor or discriminatory practices
3. indicators of potential harm or abuse
4. how and when to report any concerns about abuse, poor or discriminatory practice, resources or operational difficulties
5. what to do if you have reported concerns but no action is taken to address them
6. local systems and multi-disciplinary procedures that relate to safeguarding and protection from harm or abuse

**Multi-disciplinary working**1. the purpose of working with other professionals and agencies
2. the remit and responsibilities of other professionals and agencies involved in multi-disciplinary work

**Handling information**1. legal requirements, policies and procedures for the security and confidentiality of information
2. legal and work setting requirements for recording information and producing reports
3. principles of confidentiality and when to pass on otherwise confidential information
4. how to record written information with accuracy, clarity, relevance and an appropriate level of detail
5. how and where electronic communications can and should be used for communicating, recording and reporting

**Leading practice**1. theories about leadership
2. standards of practice, service standards and guidance relating to the work setting
3. national and local initiatives to promote the well-being of individuals
4. lessons learned from government reports, research and inquiries into serious failures of health or social care practice and from successful interventions
5. methods of supporting others to work with and support individuals, key people and others
6. how to contribute to the development of systems, practices, policies and procedures
7. techniques for problem solving and innovative thinking

**Risk management**1. principles of risk assessment and risk management
2. principles of positive risk-taking

Specific to this NOS1. theories, principles and practice into the relationship between housing and the benefits to the well-being of individuals
2. evidence based practice in promoting housing for those individuals' needs and how to apply this evidence to your own work
3. methods of presenting information and encouraging interest in and about the role of housing in meeting individual needs and promoting well-being
4. national and local schemes and statutory, private and voluntary agencies which are involved in providing, promoting or creating housing, for whom they are designed and how to access them
5. the range of local housing, the forms these take, who may be eligible and how to access them
6. the potential concerns which people and organisations may have regarding offering opportunities for individuals, why it is important to acknowledge their concerns and how to offer information to help them make informed decisions
7. how to gauge the level of interest and ability of people and organisations who may offer housing to individuals
8. the options for promoting housing and which are the most appropriate options for the people and organisations concerned
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**Additional Information**

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| Scope related to performance criteria | The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and / or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOSNote: Where an individual finds it difficult or impossible to express their own preferences and make decisions about their life, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of advocates or others who are able to represent the views and best interests of the individual. Where there are language differences within the work setting, achievement of this standard may require the involvement of interpreters or translation services.**Housing** may includesupported lodgings; residential support; hostels; supported flats/housing; floating support; housing associations; estate agenciesThe **individual** is the adult, child or young person you support or care for in your work**People and organisations** may include those who are able to offer housing to individuals; people employed to support or care for residents in supported housing schemes, community housing, residential care; residents' associations; other groups within the wider community; trade unions; employers' associations; local government officers; estate agents**Reasonable adjustments** are those adjustments that could reasonably be expected to be made to accommodate the needs of individuals |

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| Scope related to knowledge and understanding | The details in this field are explanatory statements of scope and / or examples of possible contexts in which the NOS may apply; they are not to be regarded as range statements required for achievement of the NOS**All knowledge statements must be applied in the context of this standard.****Factors** **that may affect the health, wellbeing and development of individuals** may include adverse circumstances or trauma before or during birth; autistic spectrum conditions; dementia; family circumstances; frailty; harm or abuse; injury; learning disability; medical conditions (chronic or acute); mental health; physical disability; physical ill health; poverty; profound or complex needs; sensory needs; social deprivation; substance misuse  |

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| Values | Adherence to codes of practice or conduct where applicable to your role, and the principles and values that underpin your work setting including the rights of children and adults.  These include the rights:To be treated as an individualTo be treated equally and not be discriminated againstTo be respectedTo have privacyTo be treated in a dignified wayTo be protected from danger and harmTo be supported and cared for in a way that meets their needs, takes account of their choices and also protects themTo communicate using their preferred methods of communication and languageTo access information about themselves |

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